

TO: Secretary Paige
FROM: COO Greg Woods
RE: FSA Weekly Report
DATE: April 29, 2002

THE WEEK AHEAD

Common Origination and Disbursement: Today, April 29, 2002, the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) system goes live. COD will integrate FSA systems that originate and disburse Title IV financial aid.

KEY NEWS

Progress on MIT Action Items: For MIT-tracked items, 99.7 percent of the items are either closed or have Corrective Action Plans in place.

During the week ending April 26, no recommendations were closed.

Of the original 313 recommendations initially tracked, 283 are closed. Corrective Action Plans were previously in place for all 30 of the remaining open recommendations. However, one plan for the FY 2000 SFA Management Letter was changed and a Corrective Action Plan was re-submitted for resolution.

Government Information Security Reform Act: On May 3, 2002, ED will report to OMB on the GISRA Plans of Actions and Milestones (POA&M). For the reporting period ending April 30, only one POA&M action is still open (#SFA-MDES-11). The security team continues to work with the business units to address these actions.

Consolidation Loan Fee Project: Utilizing the first release of the FP Data Mart, the fees recovered from this project now total \$1.9 million with additional recovery continuing. Contacting the lenders with a notice indicating they owe ED a specific dollar amount is how the fees are collected.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS): American Student Assistance (ASA) successfully transmitted an electronic file to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). ASA was one of four guarantors nationwide to participate in an ED pilot program to test submitting NSLDS data electronically. The NSLDS database provides Title IV loan data throughout the entire loan life cycle, from origination through repayment. Electronic NSLDS submissions will streamline the data reporting process for all FFELP participants, resulting in more timely and accurate records for students and our trading partners.

ED's Response to OIG's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up: FSA received a request to review and respond to the OIG's list of ED audits that are still open one year or more after the audit was resolved. Of the eight audits that are pending final

action, one is FSA's - "The Recertification Process for Foreign Schools Needs To Be Improved" (01-90005). FSA CFO and the Schools Channel will develop an explanation and expected completion date on the one remaining corrective action for the audit.

Internal Review: FY 2001 FSA Financial Statement: A corrective action plan for this audit has been completed and forwarded to the OIG for resolution.

Program Integrity: FSA's Case Management team reports there have been five disbarments by individuals that pleaded guilty to federal wrongdoings and two settlement agreements have been reached with Puerto Rico institutions.

RESOLUTION OF KEY ISSUES

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

POLICY DOCUMENTS

Nothing to report.

GRANT ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

ON THE HORIZON

Nothing to report.

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